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SUBJECT: JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR ON SAUDI/YEMENI RELATIONS

1. EMBOFF MET WITH JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR ON NOVEMBER 12. THE JORDANIAN RELATED THAT HE HAD MET WITH HAMDY ON 11 NOVEMBER AND THAT THE FOLLOWING EMERGED FROM THAT SESSION:

A. HAMDY IS NOW CONVINCED THAT THE SAUDIS HAVE DECIDED THAT THEY WANT TO MAINTAIN TWO INDEPENDENT POLITICAL FORCES IN YEMEN, THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT HEADED BY HAMDY AND THE TRIBAL FORCES LED BY SHAIKH ABDULLAH BIN HUSAYN AL-AHMAR.

B. THE ONLY POSITIVE RESULT OF THE AL-GHASHMI VISIT TO RIYADH WAS A GIFT OF 1 MILLION DOLLARS WHICH WOULD OFFSET A PAYMENT MADE BY THE YEMENIS FOR THE JORDANIAN TO CARRY TO AMMAN, INFORMING HUSAYN OF HAMDY'S PROBLEM WITH THE SAUDIS.

C. HAMDY IS NOW DESPERATE AND WILL TURN WHEREVER
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HE MUST TO OBTAIN THE MEANS TO DEFEND HIS STATE. (HAMDY

DID NOT MENTION THE PLANNED MILITARY DELEGATIONS TO
LYYE SOVIET UNION, BUT THE JORDANIAN SAID HE HAD HEARD
RUMORS OF IMPENDING VISITS TO MOSCOW.)

D. HAMDI SAID HE WOULD NOT CONCEDE POWER TO THE TRIBAL
FORCES AND THAT HE HAD DEPLOYED THE ARMY IN DEFENSIVE
POSOTIOIU AROUND SANA TO MEET ANY POSSIBLE MILITARY
CHALLENGE TO THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.

E. HAMDI PLANS TO DRAFT A PERSONAL LETTER TO
KING HUSAYN ACH HAMDI WANTS THE JORDANIAN TO
CARRY TO AMMAN, INFORMING HUSAYN OF HAMDI'S PROBLEM
WITH THE SAUDIS AND ASKING HUSAYN FOR HIS HELP.
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